

District Court Sets Hearing Of Westernair

A hearing in the latest lawsuit of five-year-old city litigation against Westernair of Albuquerque Inc. has been set for Aug. 4 in the court of District Judge Harry Stowers, a city spokesman said.

Assistant City Attorney Bob Patten said the city, in a suit filed in January, claims breach of a lease by Westernair and asks that the firm be removed from Albuquerque International Airport.

Patten said the case began in 1973 when the city filed suit to cancel Westernair's airport lease.

In 1970, the firm bought a 200-square-foot TWA hangar and moved it to the airport.

Patten said the hangar supposedly is the largest one west of the Mississippi River and the only one west of the Mississippi that can handle a certain kind of airplane.

Patten said the city's objective was to get Westernair to refurbish and repair the hangar because of problems.